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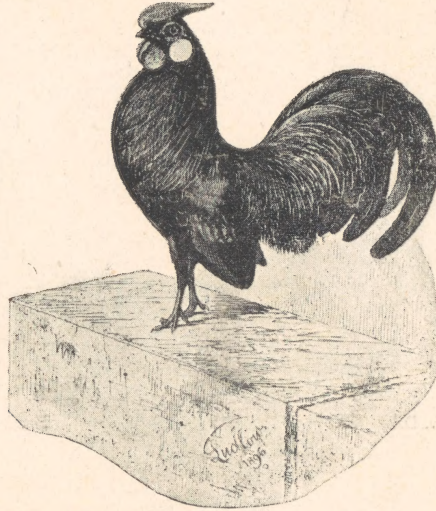
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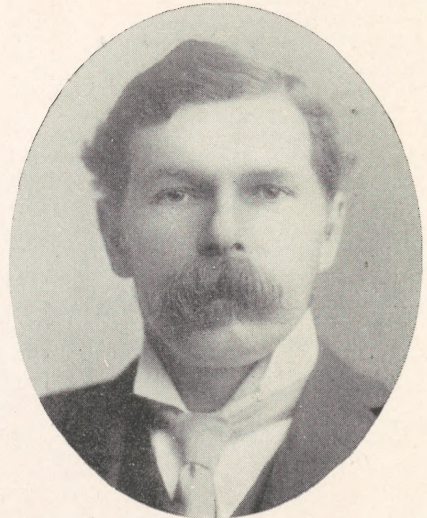


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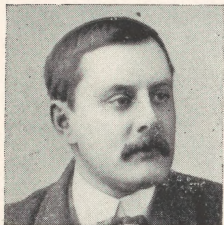
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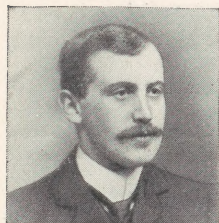
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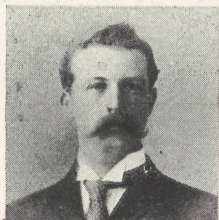
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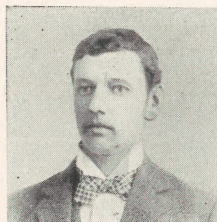
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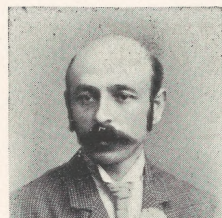
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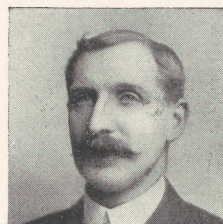
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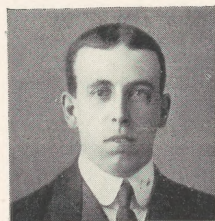
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RULES.



1—That the Club be called "THE VARIETY BANTAM CLUB."

2—That the objects of the Club be :

(a) To obtain better classification of the varieties of Bantams other than Game, and the appointment of approved Judges at Shows assisted by the Club, and for this purpose to guarantee to the Committee of such Shows the deficiency, or any part thereof, between the amount of the entrance fees and prizes awarded in any class of Variety Bantams, to offer prizes for the same, and where practicable to secure reduction in the entrance fees for Members.

(b) To promote the improvement and exhibition of Variety Bantams, and the suppression of fraud and dishonourable conduct.

3—That the Club consist of Hon. Members, of Life Members, who may be elected on payment of one minimum subscription of £2 2s., and of Ordinary Members whose annual minimum subscription shall be 5s., payable in advance on the 1st January in each year; and that any Member whose subscription shall be in arrears on the 30th September, shall be debarred from the benefits of the Club until such subscription be paid.

4—That the financial year of the Club end on September 30th.

5—That the Officers of the Club be : A President, two Vice-Presidents, an Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

6—That the Committee consist of Officers of the Club, who shall be *ex-officio* Members thereof, and of twelve other Members to be elected as provided for. The Committee to manage all the affairs of the Club, and to have power to appoint Sub-Committees, Auditors, and Scrutineers of Elections. Three of their number (one at least of whom shall be an Officer) to form a quorum.

7—That the Quarterly Committee Meetings be held in January, April, July and October, if possible, for the election of Members,

and the transaction of other business, of which the Secretary shall give notice to Officers and Committee.

8—That twelve Club Judges be annually elected each Member having the right to name twelve Members on his voting paper.

9—That the Officers, one half of the Committee, and the Club Judges retire annually, but be eligible for re-election. That such elections be conducted by means of voting papers. Nominations of Officers and Committee must be received by the Secretary on or before 30th September. That voting papers containing all nominations be sent out to members whose subscriptions are not in arrears on September 30th; such voting papers properly filled in and duly signed, must be returned to the Scrutineers on or before November 1st, when they will be examined by them, and the results declared at the Annual General Meeting.

10—That should any vacancy occur on the Committee, or in the office of President, Vice-President, Hon. Treasurer, or Hon. Secretary, the Committee have power to fill such vacancy until the next annual meeting.

11—That a Sub-Committee of two Members and the Hon. Secretary be appointed at the first quarterly meeting of the year, to deal with urgent questions that may arise between the quarterly meetings.

12—That all Candidates for Membership who have been proposed fourteen days before may be elected by the Committee at their next quarterly meeting. That the Secretary forward Agenda, and the names of the Candidates for Membership, to the Officers and Committee, thus affording those prevented from being present an opportunity of recording their votes by post. That in the election one adverse vote in four shall exclude, but at the expiration of one year a rejected Candidate may renew his application for membership.

- 13—That if any member be proved to the satisfaction of the Committee to have acted dishonourably, he shall be suspended from being a Member for such term as the Committee may adjudge, or be expelled, and he shall be ineligible for re-election. That if any Member who shall be suspended or expelled be dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee, and shall within twenty-one days from such suspension or expulsion, give notice in writing to the Secretary of his intention so to do, he may appeal against such decision at the Annual General Meeting.
- 14—That Members and others be requested to bring to the notice of the Committee any offences against the objects of the Club.
- 15—That Members be requested not to exhibit at any Poultry Show which does not publish with its Schedule, the names of the Judges of Variety Bantams.
- 16—That a list of the Officers, Committee, and Members, together with the Balance Sheet and Report be sent annually to the Members, and to any other person applying for the same.
- 17—That five of the Committee may at any time, in writing, convene a Special General Meeting for the discussion of any matter affecting the interests of the Club, notice to be given by the Secretary to the Members fourteen days at least before such meeting.
- 18—That no alteration shall be made in these rules, except at the Annual General Meeting. Notice and particulars of any proposed alteration must be sent to the Secretary by September 30th, and the Secretary shall give fourteen days' notice of such proposed alteration to the Members.



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

THE Annual General Meeting of The Variety Club was held at the Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, 10th November, 1903, present the President, O. E. Cresswell, Esq., in the chair, Messrs. Butterworth, Watson, Rice, Hudson, Urwin, Little, Jackson-Twigg, Crowther, Burleigh, Binns, Purdon, Reyner, Simpson, Jackson, W. Heys, Smith, Whitley, Southern, O. S. Binns, Maunders, T. W. Smith, Hudson, Rodwell, Sugden, Heywood, Frazer, Downer, Allonby, Beloe, and E. J. W. Buckpitt, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Minutes of a Meeting held at Penistone 20th August, 1903, were read and confirmed.

The Annual Report was presented by the Hon. Sec. :—

MR. CHAIRMAN, GENTLEMEN,

In presenting the Annual Report and Audited Balance Sheet for the year ending 30th September, 1903,

1—I beg to report that in accordance with your instructions a Year Book has been issued, which is now out of print, and that 114 copies of same have been sent to Members of the American Bantam Fanciers' Association, and your Secretary would be glad of instructions as to the issue of a similar book for 1904.

(Proposed by the President, seconded by Mr. G. Reyner, and carried unanimously, "That a Year Book be issued for 1904.")

2—In accordance with Rule 8. An Election of Club Judges was duly held, Mrs. E. Comyns-Lewer kindly acting as Scrutineer. 100 Papers were sent in, of which 3 were unsigned, with the following result :—

E. Wright 54	O. E. Cresswell 42
J. F. Entwistle 52	Major Crowther 39
W. M. Leach 43	G. Reyner 37

(Signed) E. COMYNS-LEWER, Scrutineer

3—The Audited Balance Sheet presented herewith shows that after meeting all Liabilities to 30th September, 1903, there remains a balance in favor of the Club of £27 19s. 4d. at the Wilts and Dorset Bank, Ltd. (Bridport Branch).

(Proposed by Mr. Butterworth, seconded by Mr. Reyner, and carried unanimously, "That the Balance Sheet be adopted.")

4—Your Secretary begs further to report that he has assisted Show Secretaries as far as possible, who give anything like an adequate classification for Variety Bantams, by supplying addressed Wrappers for Schedules, and some 5,000 have thus been sent out from a list of 550 Variety Bantam Exhibitors.

5—Our Membership now numbers 154, and it is a matter for self-congratulation that only seven of this number are to-day in arrear with

their subscriptions.

6—Our thanks as a Club are again due to the Editors of *The Feathered World*, *The Stock-keeper*, *The Fanciers' Gazette*, and *Poultry*, for the space so kindly devoted to our doings, and a resolution will be submitted for your approval.

(Proposed by Major Crowther, seconded by Mr. Maunders, and carried unanimously "That the best thanks of The Variety Bantam Club be given the Editors of *The Feathered World*, *The Stock-keeper*, *The Fanciers' Gazette*, and *Poultry*, for the space so kindly devoted to our doings, and the courtesy extended to us during the past twelve months).

7—New Nominations having been received for Committee, an Election has just taken place, at which Mrs. E. Comyns-Lewer kindly acted as Scrutineer. 144 Papers were sent out, of which 78 were returned with the following result :—

G. Reyner 68	H. S. Hassall 46
E. Wright 65	O. S. Binns 42
D. W. Purdon 62	R. F. Hearnshaw 40

8—Your Club is under exceptionally heavy liabilities in connection with our forthcoming big Club Show at Sheffield, and an urgent appeal is made to all our Members to not only make, but induce others to make all possible entries, in order that this may indeed be "A World's Record Exhibit of Variety Bantams."

9—Several New Members were duly elected.

10—Resolved that Messrs. Butterworth, Watson, and Miss Elsie Binns be Stewards at the Club Show at Sheffield, and that the Secretary have power to select others if required.

11—Proposed by Mr. Reyner, seconded by Mr. Burleigh, "That in future eight Club Judges be elected, four for Clean-legged Varieties, and four for Feather-legged Varieties."

Amendment.—Proposed by Mr. Buckpitt, seconded by Mr. Purdon, "That in future twelve Club Judges be elected." *Amendment* carried nineteen to twelve.

12—Proposed by Mr. Purdon, seconded by Mr. Urwin, and carried after discussion, "That in order to maintain the value of Advertisements in the Year Book, all should be submitted to the Emergency Committee, with power to revise if considered necessary."

13—The President and Mr. G. Reyner gave notice that they would raise the question of "Points Prizes" at the next Annual General Meeting.

14—The usual vote of thanks to the Hon. Sec., and the President for presiding concluded the Meeting.

Variety Bantam Club—Balance Sheet, 30th September, 1903.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
To Balance in hand from last Account ...		<i>Barnstaple Show, 1902.</i>	
" Subscriptions received to 30th Sept., 1903	£ s. d. 17 4 2	By Actual Loss ...	£ s. d. 7 19 6
" Sale of Rosecomb Standard ...	35 8 0	" Judges' Fee and Expenses ...	2 10 0
	0 0 6		£10 9 6
		Less Received from Guarantor	£ s. d. 0 16 0
		" Donation from Barnstaple Show ...	1 19 6
			2 15 6
		<i>South Metropolitan Fanciers' Association Show, 1902.</i>	
		By Actual Loss ...	3 1 9
		By Photo. Blocks ...	£ s. d. 0 12 0
		" Stationery ...	0 8 0
		" Year Books ...	14 7 6
		" Envelopes and Postages ...	6 7 6
			£21 15 0
		Less Received for Advertisements ...	12 12 0
		" Postages received ...	0 4 2
			12 16 2
		By Wrappers addressed for Kendal, Barnstaple, South Metropolitan Fanciers' Association, and Taunton Shows, and Postages ...	1 9 10
		" Postages on balance of 1902 Year Books ...	0 12 6
		" General Stationery ...	1 8 10
		" Address Book ...	0 2 0
		" General Postages ...	1 5 7
			4 18 9
		Cash at Wilts & Dorset Bank, Ltd. (Bridport Branch), on 30th September, 1903	27 19 4
			£52 12 8

Oct. 16th, 1903.

Having examined the Books and Vouchers, I beg to report that the above Balance Sheet is a correct statement of the Club's finances for the year ending 30th September, 1903.

FRANK D. LITTLE, Hon. Auditor.



THE above Bowls and Cup have been subscribed for by members of the Variety Bantam Club and are offered under the following Conditions :

1. The above Challenge Bowls and Cup until won outright to be the property of the Variety Bantam Club.
2. The Challenge Cup or Bowl to be competed for annually at the Club Show, or at such other Show as the Committee may determine.
3. The Challenge Cup or Bowl to be awarded to the Best Bantam of the respective varieties, irrespective of age or sex, shown by a fully-paid-up member of the Variety Bantam Club. (The Frizzle Cup is subject to Standard in P. Proud's Book on Bantams).
- 4.—The Challenge Cup or Bowl must be won three times (not necessarily in succession) before becoming the property of the winner.
5. The holder each year shall find two guarantors for the value of the Challenge Cup or Bowl, whose position must satisfy the Committee of the Variety Bantam Club.
6. That each year it shall be returned to the Secretary of the Variety Bantam Club fourteen days before the next Show.

The Bowls and Cup were competed for at the Variety Bantam Club Show held in connection with the Second Grand International Poultry Show at Sheffield, January 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1904, with the following result :

Black Rosecomb Challenge Bowl—won by LADY ALINGTON.	Scotch Grey Challenge Bowl—won by MR. J. D. JOHNSTON.
White Rosecomb Challenge Bowl—won by MR. D. W. PURDON.	Japanese Challenge Bowl—won by MR. P. D. WILLIAMS.
Frizzle Challenge Cup—won by MR. E. J. W. BUCKPITT.	

Recollections of some of the Rarer Bantams.

By O. E. Cresswell.

THE subject of this article was suggested to me by our Secretary. There is something appropriate in his suggestion, because when our Club was founded, the two primary objects which its founders set before themselves were: 1st, to bring as many lovers of Bantams as possible into its ranks; 2nd, to encourage the culture and exhibition of as many varieties of Bantams as possible. There may, too, be something appropriate in his suggesting this subject to myself, for my recollection of Bantams is now a somewhat long one; my first pair were given to me on my fourth birthday, and I have never since been without some of the pigmy races.

The love of Bantams, from a fancy point of view, probably dates much further back than we are wont to think. The Poultry "Fancy," in the modern acceptance of the term, began about the middle of the 19th century. The first importation of Cochins gave a great impetus to it; the extension of Poultry Shows still further stimulated it. But there were true lovers of Poultry long before there were Poultry Shows, who besides cultivating pure races of larger fowls loved their Bantams as interesting exotic pets, and found them useful helps to their keepers as foster mothers for the eggs of pheasants and partridges whose eggs had been cut over by the mowers.

I have two favourite old books which have been suggestive to me of many inmates for my feathered menagerie, which (I almost fear to relate it) is accommodated in some eighty aviaries, houses, and larger or smaller enclosures in my grounds; they are "The Dovecote and Aviary," viz., various essays by the Rev. E. S. Dixon, published collectively under the above title in 1851; and "Ornamental and Domestic Poultry" by the same author, first published in 1848. My copy is of the second edition of 1850. The chapter in it on Bantams is appreciative, but the list of them somewhat meagre. It may surprise some of our members to read in it that "some twenty or thirty years back Bantams would have supplied a more formidable muster than they now do."

To come to something more practical than these historic reminiscences: What were these earlier races of Bantams? The four which I can distinctly remember and roughly describe were (1) Spangled, (2) Nankin, (3) Partridge—somewhat allied to Nankin, (4) Speckled. There were, of course, also "Booted" Bantams, of which I have little recollection, which were sometimes called "Creepers and Jumpers" from their funny gait, necessitated by heavy foot feather. (1) Spangled Bantams were the commonest variety, which I believe might now be revived, for I often see in mixed stocks birds which are evidently traceable to them. My own first pair of Bantams were of this type. The cock was of a rich red colour in saddle and hackles, not unlike a Black-red Game cock, his breast black and (I think but am not sure) slightly splashed with red; the hen had black, not *very* regular spangles, on a gold or copper ground. Their combs were single. I have by me now a stuffed hen of this variety of a much earlier date. She was the pet of one of my parents in youth, and must have been stuffed about 70 years ago. She evidently died old, for her tail is slightly grizzled, and there are whitish edges to the spangles. I have always believed that this breed were used in the production of Sebrights. I have been told that lacing is absolutely different to spangling. I do not think so, and have seen waster Sebrights whose markings came very near to spangling. The cocks, too, of this breed never had real sickles.

(2) Nankins. These we fortunately still possess, yet how few are seen or shown. Dixon says of them, "Of late years (i.e. in 1848) they have much gone out of fashion, but deserve to be rescued from utter extermination." I had some in early childhood, and after reading this over 30 years ago set to work to revive a strain. I got birds from two

widely different counties, and was fairly successful with them. I think the story of them is in the earlier editions of Wright's "Book of Poultry," but has fallen out of the new edition.

As a description of Nankins I quote from my own article in the old "Book of Poultry," with one or two corrections, which the experience of many additional years suggests. "Their points I consider to be: first, size as small as possible; second, combs single or double—I prefer the latter but am told that the best Nankins of 30 years ago (i.e., now 60) had single combs; third, legs blue, though I have seen birds, otherwise very typical, with white legs. The cock has an amusing and conceited gait, with flowing sickle tail and wings almost sweeping the ground. His breast and body are of a deep ginger colour; the back, wing coverts, neck and saddle hackles a rich orange or chestnut; the tail chestnut or copper shading into black. The hen's general colour is a clear buff, like that of a good Buff Cochins. In some birds it is of a ginger, in others of a canary hue, with neck hackles as free as possible from dark lacing. The tail shades into black towards the end. The unseen half of the primary wing feathers is often, as well as in the cock, black." Nankins are the most tamable and engaging of Bantams, excellent layers of large eggs for their size, and the most careful mothers.

(3) Partridge Bantams bore much the relation to Nankins that Partridge Cochins do to Buff Cochins. I can quite remember the latter two breeds in the earlier days of their importation being sometimes bred together, and I fancy that just the same admixture of Nankins and darker-coloured or Partridge Bantams often took place. Dixon calls them "a browner variety of the Nankin, and almost miniatures of Golden Hamburgs, both pencilled and spangled." I had some in early childhood among my pets, and can distinctly recollect being lifted up to look at a pen—I think, a cock and four hens—at the historic Poultry Show in Baker Street.

(4) I can remember frequently seeing Speckled Bantams at farms—the same colour as the then Speckled Dorkings, i.e., white, black, and yellow fairly evenly blent in every feather. It is somewhat strange that in those days of the rise of "the fancy" there should have been Bantams so like an old English breed, for Dorkings have been in this country probably from the days of the Romans, while Bantams are the production of long-ago Asiatic fanciers. Is it possible that some English fanciers of a century or two ago may by judicious crosses have produced dwarfed Dorkings? Unfortunately I have no recollection of the number of their toes.

These, then, are the Bantams which I remember—I was going to write "in the mist of the past," but my recollection of them is by no means hazy.

I come next to a few of the rarer breeds which I have known since. I do not mean the clever productions of quite modern times which we can all see at our greater shows, such as Dark and Light Brahmas, Malays, or Old English Game, but breeds which are scarcer and not easily obtainable.

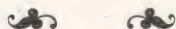
WHITE WHISKERED BOOTED are in few hands—I believe a few years ago they were only to be found in one yard. A great friend of mine, a Vice-President formerly of our Club, but now no longer living, Mrs. Ricketts, bought the whole stock of a gamekeeper in a Gloucestershire Park, where they certainly had been kept for 30 years. They must have been much inbred, but when in this lady's possession did not seem to me exceptionally delicate. Where they had originally come from we never could trace.

FRIZZLED BANTAMS. About 20 years ago a number of these arrived in this country sent with other Japanese to another good friend of mine, the late Countess of Dartmouth, by a friend residing in Japan. From an exhibitor's point of view, they were a troublesome rarity; some judges disqualified them in the Japanese classes, as properly belonging to the A.O.V. Class, and others *vice versa*. I have not seen any for many years, but was reminded

of them when judging the Variety Bantams at the last Birmingham Show. Some Frizzles then exhibited bore unmistakeable traces of relationship to Japanese.

"TAILLESS" BANTAMS, or, as they used less euphoniously to be called, "Rumpless" Bantams, were probably long ago a dwarfed variety peculiar to the Isle of Man, where even quadrupeds were prized for exemption from tails! I do not remember seeing them early in life, but I have long possessed some, and now have them, both clean-legged and feather-legged. They are very hardy and funny little things, and are obtainable in many colours. I prefer them speckled black and white all over, or the rich red cocks or golden hen, like tailless miniature Partridge Cochins or Black-red Game, according as they are feathered or clean on the legs. Years ago in the yards of Mrs. Ricketts I often saw a tailless perfect Silver Sebright; she came as a present from Mr. Garnett, then a renowned Silver Sebright fancier, in whose yards she was reared, an entirely unexplained *lusus naturæ*. The taillessness of these birds is so strong that a tailless bird mated with any other Bantam is sure to produce some completely tailless offspring.

Many other quaint and pretty pygmies I have seen here and there, but scarcely distinctive enough to describe as breeds. I think the above are all worth perpetuating where they remain, or reviving, if a stray bird can here or there be found, where they have been lost as breeds.



BLACK SPANISH BANTAMS.

By Miles Thompson.

HAVING been for some years a fairly successful exhibitor of the large Black Spanish Fowls, I was struck with the fact when visiting Shows that among the many Variety Bantams there were no replicas of my own particular Fancy, so about the year 1875 I determined to start reducing from the larger breed and to produce some Black Spanish Bantams or die in the attempt. For the first few years the work was very slow, still I could see some progress.

The third year I mated up four breeding pens, keeping them in separate runs, and from these the following year I again mated up, cock or cockerel from one run, and hen or pullet from another, and having the four pens to choose from gave a greater change of blood and more fertility. In the fourth year I had a brood of chickens hatched early in January and the chicks did famously; the pullets began to lay in August, and from their eggs I set two sittings and in the middle of September had a grand lot of chickens much smaller than any before, and quite Bantam style. For many years I tried to do the same again, but never succeeded in getting the pullets to lay early enough. I still continue my plan of having four runs.

When reaching maturity Black Spanish Bantams are quite hardy, but as chickens they require a great deal of attention, especially in cold, wet weather, and perhaps the worst period of their existence that a breeder has, is when they are growing their tail feathers, for should the chicks get at all stunted the wing feathers have a knack of growing over the rump, and thus check the tail feathers. I have often and often tried to solve the problem but have failed, but in nine cases out of ten the chick is doomed.

However, looking back over this long period, there is much to be thankful for, for I have been enabled to show some real little miniatures of the larger Black Spanish that have well held their own in any company, and therefore I do not think that the time spent on my hobby during all these years has been quite wasted.

The Variety Bantam Fancy and the Variety Bantam Club.

"An Opinion" and only "an opinion," by Edwin Wright.

IT is most gratifying to me, as I feel it must be to those who assisted me in starting the original Bantam Club upwards of 23 years ago (some of whom, I am glad to see, are to-day members of the Variety Bantam Club), that the good work then started has at last blossomed out and to-day bears such good fruit in the strong position held by Variety Bantams in the Fancy World. I well remember the general rule then was to find three or four classes for Bantams (often shown in pairs) at such Shows as the Dairy and Crystal Palace, but year by year after the Club started the classification has kept on increasing. After many years the old Club was broken up, having carried out its chief object, viz., the proper classification of the numerous varieties. Then for a year or two, without the support of the Club, things began to go back again, and the Variety Bantam Club was founded. The Club at once commenced to do good work, but it is during the past two years that we have seen such a progressive policy in the management, resulting in a classification of 58 classes at our late Club Show with a very satisfactory and record entry.

The Club (and I also add the whole Bantam Fancy) has reason to congratulate itself that it has secured as our Hon. Secretary not only a genuine fancier, but one also of thoroughly up-to-date business habits and methods, determined to surmount all obstacles and bring to a successful issue everything that our Club undertakes, or its Members wish, no matter what time and trouble this necessitates, so it behoves us as Members and having the welfare of the Variety Bantam at heart to assist him as far as possible in the good work he is doing by bringing to his notice matters concerning the objects and welfare of the Club. The great thing is for us all to pull together, our ship is now sailing in the right direction and if steered as at present I contend it is doing a useful and great work for all lovers of the miniature pets.

We can afford to treat with contempt those individuals who hint unworthily at anyone or any Club that is a success. We can afford to smile at being called, as I have heard it said, "A Family Tea Party," "Back Scratchers," etc., and so long as we see things conducted in a straightforward and sportsmanlike manner, as I contend matters connected with our Club are, it is bound to go ahead, in spite of a few detractors.

To assist our Hon. Secretary in his arduous duties I would suggest to those Members who are Breeders and Exhibitors of the less popular varieties which have at times to compete in the A.O.V. Class that it would be greatly to their own interest if they were to agree to share between them and the Club, say, a proportion of the loss which might occur on their classes, until such variety gets sufficient support to warrant classes being given at all Shows assisted by the Club. This would be far better for all concerned than starting Specialist Clubs for such varieties.

We are, I am glad to feel, a most united body of Fanciers, and if one is prepared to overlook the natural feelings of jealousy that must at times crop up against a successful man by those not so fortunate, we have cause to congratulate ourselves upon the general friendly feeling amongst us, and the satisfactory position our Club now holds in the Poultry Fancy.

BLACK ROSECOMB BANTAMS.

By Major Fred Crowther.

I AM requested by our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Buckpitt, to write a few lines on Rosecombs and I willingly do so. I have been looking up some old papers and catalogues and find it is now thirty years since my late brother and I (when quite boys) became Bantam Fanciers. The first pair we purchased were Black Rosecombs from Messrs. C. and J. Illingworth, Hightown, Yorkshire. It is evident we started in the right way, buying the best blood we knew of. Messrs. Illingworth were winning prizes at our local shows, and in 1875 they secured the First and Cup at the Crystal Palace. The Judges about this time were Messrs. Dixon, Hewitt, Hutton, and Teebay, and the exhibitors Messrs. Ashton, Beldon, Bower & Horsfall, Cambridge, Cresswell, Clapham, Earnshaw, Good, Harvey, Illingworth Bros., Moore, Phelps, Robinson, Shackleton, and Walton. The birds were decidedly smaller than the majority we see in the show-pen at the present time. We now produce better head points, particularly in lobes, and also more feather, but my opinion is that in hens we have to some extent lost the cherry face we were so proud of in those days; this has no doubt been sacrificed for larger lobes, the result being that we now see so many with white faces. It was not until 1876 that my brother and I succeeded in winning our first prize; after then it seemed much easier work and eventually we secured the much-desired prize, Cup at the Crystal Palace, in 1882. At most of the shows the classes were for Blacks or Whites, but at Birmingham and Oakham there were classes for both varieties. They were always shown in pairs, and you will realize how difficult it was to get a well-matched pair; one often found a very good bird in a pen with a poor or moderate mate.

In 1882 the Bantam Club was formed which included Game and Variety Bantams; through the efforts of the Club we succeeded in getting classes for single birds, and in 1882 the first Club Show was held at Kendal. At that time it was the finest collection of Bantams ever seen; the entries were 500—Game Bantams 261, Varieties 239. Blacks came out well—cocks 24, hens 22. Since then the classification has greatly improved, thanks to the support of exhibitors and the Variety Bantam Club, which was formed in 1895.

I only visited a few shows during 1903, so in making a few remarks on the birds of the year I can only mention what I have seen. The Black Rosecomb which struck me as being one of the best I ever saw was the black hen shown by Lady Alington at Penistone Show last August. She may be a shade big, but such beautiful head points, quite a treat to sit and look at for an hour. The cockerels at the Crystal Palace Show in November were a good lot as a class, but nothing exceptional, the winning pullet, however, I consider one of the best of the year. The Variety Bantam Club Show held at Sheffield early in January was a wonderful show. In old birds there was nothing of great merit with the exception of the winner in the hen class. The cockerels numbered 25, and no doubt the finest class seen during the season, many good birds having to be content with a minor card. The first and second birds were both very good ones and little to choose between them; the third was also good, matching the winners better than the fourth, which was the smallest of the four, but small in lobes, otherwise a grand little bird. The pullets numbered 27; I must say I was not favourably impressed with them as a whole, most of them being short of bloom and on the large side, the first and second were clear away the best, the winner having a grand comb, failing, however, in lobe. I consider the cockerels of the year were above the average, but pullets barely average.

WHITE ROSECOMB BANTAMS.

By Major Fred Crowther.

ABOUT 1875 my late brother and I bought some White Rosecombs from the Rev. F. Tearle, Mr. O. E. Cresswell, and an old fancier, Mr. Sam Rhodes, Low Moor, near Bradford. These we crossed with others we from time to time picked up. At this time Whites with blue legs usually took the prizes, being better in head points, having been crossed with Blacks. We eventually succeeded in breeding them with white legs and better head points; the result was we secured more prizes at the leading shows from 1877 to 1884 than any other exhibitor. We started with Second at Birmingham in 1877, and six years in succession we won First and also two Cups. Our first win at the Crystal Palace was in 1879 in the Variety Class, the pair being sold soon afterwards to Mr. Edwin Walton for £10. Owing to the death of my brother in 1883 I found the correspondence and shows interfere with my business, and in the summer of 1884 I decided to sell all my Bantams but a breeding pen of White Rosecombs. They were sold after the Dairy Show, the following securing most of the best birds: Messrs. R. W. Bracewell, F. Brooke, Henry Digby, John E. Gill (America), — Manley, H. H. Millward, J. T. Palmer, H. Stanworth, J. W. Stephenson, Mrs. Ricketts, E. Walton, and J. Wood. I also gave a breeding pen to my poultry man, William Moore, who afterwards won many prizes at the leading shows. My stock of Bantams of all varieties (Blacks, Whites, Black and White Booted, Cuckoos, and Sebrights) realized close on £500.

My opinion is that White Rosecomb cocks have improved very much in feather and lobes the last two or three years, but I think the hens are not nearly so good as those shown fifteen to twenty years ago; the hens shown to-day are small, but in many cases small in comb and weak in spike of comb, they seem to me to require more stamina. Mr. Purdon has shown some good birds during the last two years and now that we are getting more classes and new exhibitors we may look forward to still further improvements.



THE SEBRIGHT BANTAM.

By J. C. Preston.

THE Sebright Bantam is one of the oldest and most popular varieties of the Bantam tribe, and (as I heard a good old fancier say years ago) "the most aristocratic Bantam in existence." During the last few years the number of fanciers and admirers of the Sebright Bantam have grown with rapidity, no doubt owing to their tame and quiet disposition, and that they can be kept successfully on a very limited space of ground.

There is nothing more interesting than to watch the chickens coming on in the Spring and see the new feathers peeping through the chicken feathers here and there, so that anyone with a fair knowledge of the variety can easily "spot" the birds which are likely to make a name in the show pen.

In the Silvers there has been a great improvement during the last few years. They are smaller in size, more shapely, with perfect tail and flight lacing. The latter good point seems to put a proper finish to a good bird, and fill the eye at a glance. A bird defective in flight-lacing seems unfinished and something short to the ordinary observer. Bad tails and white flights in Silvers are now, I am pleased to say, a thing of the past.

There is considerable room for improvement in the Golds, although last season I saw some of the best hens and pullets that have been out for some time; but the cocks are far behind. The Golds, on the whole, are not at all sound in lacing, and fail very much, in breast and flights, particularly the cocks, and I should like to see these defects remedied. They look very pretty at a distance, but very bad in the hand.

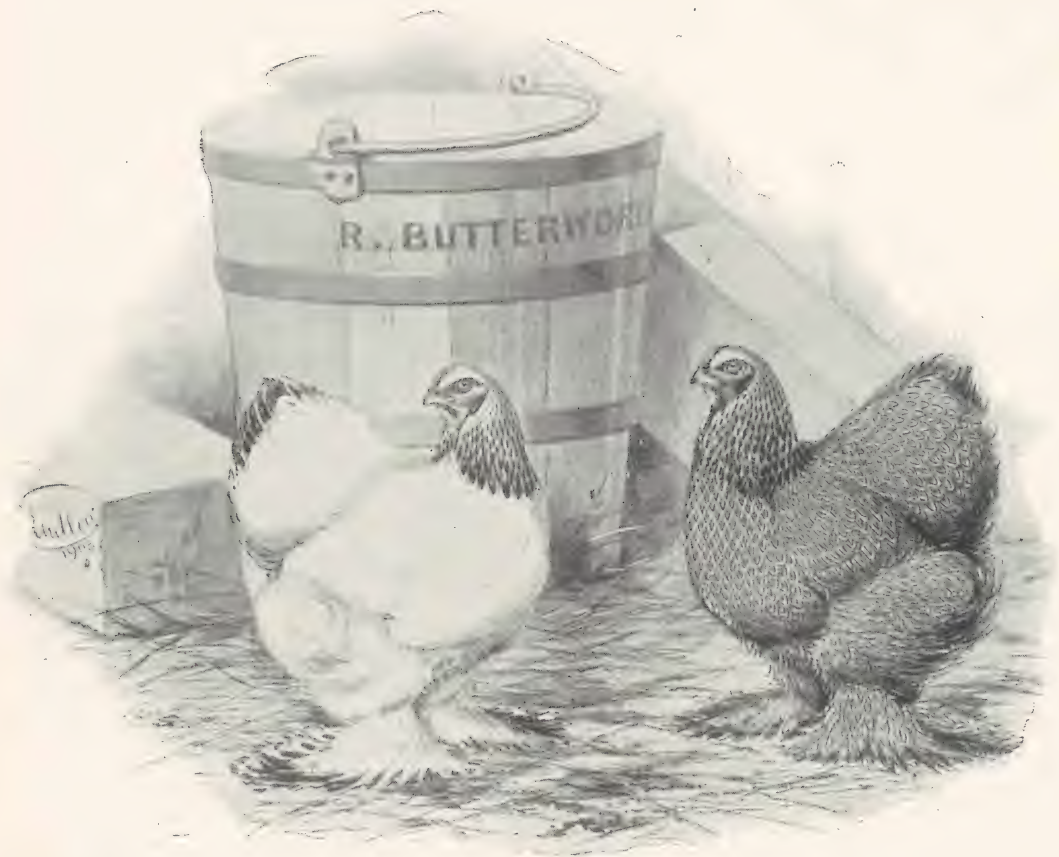
I admire a rich bay ground colour in the Golds, and detest the brick-red, snuff-colour, or even brassiness, which takes away the effect of the lacing.

With regard to breeding, it is far best to have hens dark and sound in lacing, and the cock more finely laced, or *vice versa*, as you stand the best chance of producing a nice medium laced bird from this mating. Very fine lacing is certainly very pretty and the required object, if sound, but it is generally inclined to be brown and will not stand close inspection, hence my advice to have densely-laced birds on one side. Many breeders only look at the outside edge of the feather, although the inside is more particular and should be clearly cut, and not mossy as is often the case.

In breeding, never despise a cockerel with sickles; they are more vigorous and hardy than a short-tailed one, and of a stronger constitution, therefore the more likely to fertilize the eggs.

During the last show season Sebrights have about topped the list in numbers among Variety Bantams at all our leading shows. For instance, over 100 at the Palace (which must have been an easy record), besides the Dairy, Birmingham, Kendal, Manchester, Barnstaple, Sheffield, etc., were record entries which speak well for the popularity of one of the most striking and beautiful varieties of the bantam race.





BRAHMA BANTAMS.

Bred by, and the property of, Mr. Rowland Butterworth, Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Light hen, winner 1st Kendal, 1st and cup Crystal Palace, 1st Birmingham. Dark hen, winner 1st and special Birkenhead, 1st and cup Crystal Palace, 1st Birmingham.

These two birds are acknowledged to be the best ever exhibited of their varieties.

(Reprinted from "The Fancier's Gazette.")

BRAHMA BANTAMS.

By Rowland Butterworth.

IT is something like twenty years since I started the interesting process of miniaturizing the Brahma fowl, and for some years I gave all my attention to the dark variety. The process of reducing large varieties to Bantam size is extremely fascinating, although after a few years it becomes more complicated. So long as you can breed from the pure-bred cockerel all goes well, as he is able to stamp his likeness and characteristics on a large percentage of the chickens, but the season comes when you are obliged to use one of the cross-bred cockerels, and although he may be the produce of three or four years' inbreeding with the original pure-bred cockerel, he has not the prepotency of his sire, and a very small number of his chickens will be of any value; so for the first few years of using the cross-bred cockerels, it is absolutely necessary to breed a great number to get anything good enough to breed from the following season, but perhaps the worst of this difficulty is now overcome with the Brahma Bantams, as reliable stock can now be procured.

I think the worst faults met with at the present time are traces of the Booted Bantam. I always considered this variety unsuitable for Brahma breeding, and never used this blood in producing my miniatures, but other breeders did use it, and the consequence is that we are continually seeing birds with narrow cushions, large spaces between their hock and shank feathers, and many in-kneed, or at any rate the hocks too close together, just what we do not want in a Brahma. If breeders would select birds with straight legs, well apart, and wide cushions, they would soon get the traces of the Booted blood out of sight. Again, I consider the tendency in Brahmas to breed lighter is considerably stronger in the Bantams than in their larger brothers, therefore it is necessary to put birds together with plenty of dark colour in their under feather and fluff, and with as little white shaft in hackle as possible; it is so easy to lose depth of colour, and so difficult to regain it.

The standard weights of Brahma Bantams are—cocks 2 lbs. 6 ozs., cockerels 2 lbs., hens 2 lbs., pullets 28 ozs., and, I may add, as much smaller as you can get them, so long as you keep the Brahma points. The hens I have been winning with this season weigh from 20 ozs. to 26 ozs. The smallest I ever bred was the pullet "Pownall Pride" I won with at the Palace in 1893; at 7 months old in good condition she weighed $12\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. She was perfectly healthy, a good layer, and won many prizes both in her second and third seasons, when her weight was 17 ozs.

In conclusion, I wish to add, there are many points in favour of Brahma Bantams to the fancier with limited space, as both varieties are good layers, good sitters, excellent mothers, they will thrive in confinement and without great attention, and last, but not least, they are of British manufacture.



SPECIALIST CLUBS.

By E. J. W. Buckpitt.

WE are perfectly well aware that in penning these notes we are liable to be misunderstood, but we ask the patient and kindly attention of our members who have by their unexampled loyalty helped to make our Club stand in the proud and prosperous condition it does to-day, and perhaps we should have withstood the temptation to write had it not been for a report we heard at Sheffield, rumours of which had previously reached the Editorial Chair as to the formation of yet another Specialist Bantam Club.

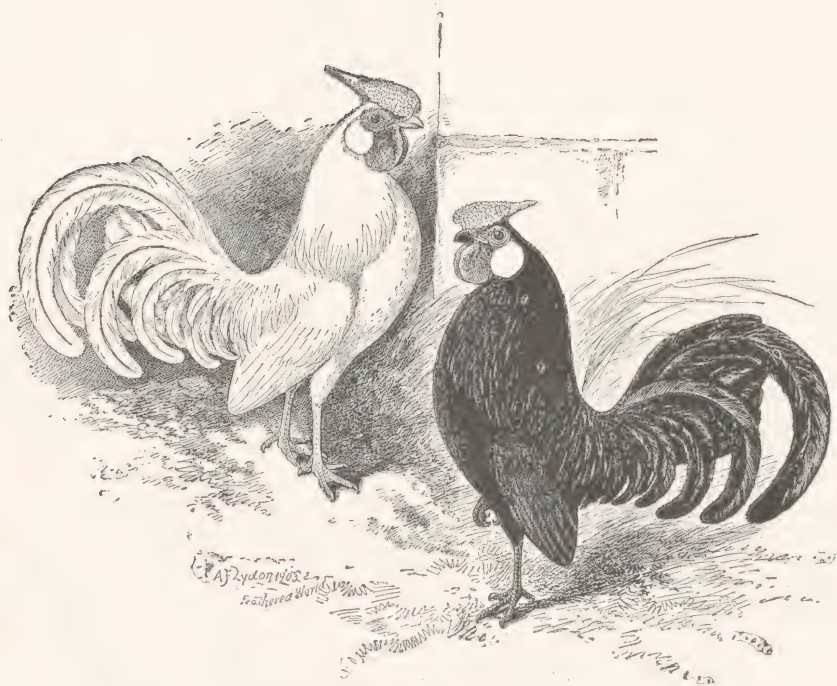
During the past few years we have been steadily increasing the classification for Variety Bantams in both the North and South of England, and our favours have as far as possible been impartially distributed over the numerous varieties we represent. As a natural consequence some breeds have become more popular, and the immediate cry is "Have a Specialist Club." It should, however, be borne in mind that to do this and still remain a member of the parent body means two subscriptions in the place of one, and, further, if the exhibitor launches forth into another breed for which a Specialist Club exists then three subscriptions are needed. Now supposing this additional money had been poured into the coffers of the Variety Bantam Club, how much more would they have been able to do for that particular breed?

This is an age of Reforms—Fiscal and otherwise—and we have been much exercised as to how far we can conciliate and meet these exhibitors who so desire Specialist Clubs of their own. Our President, in an article he wrote for our 1902 Year Book, dealt with this question, and the words of such an authority will well bear repetition :

"I have watched from the beginning the whole rise of specialist clubs, their development and in many cases their dissolution or decline from inanition. Those which have long survived have been those like our own Club which were founded for the promotion of many breeds. The majority of those founded on a narrow basis have ended in defeating the very objects for the promotion of which they were founded. Instead of "popularising" breeds they have ended in frightening outsiders from taking them up as being a monopoly of some clique."

The thought has struck us and we throw it out, at the same time inviting correspondence on the subject, as to whether breeders and exhibitors of any one particular variety amongst our members might not be called together and form small sub-committees to draw up Standards of Perfection and ideal Plates, and submit their conclusions to the General Committee to deal with. We might thus get at least a step or so further along the road towards having an authorized Club Standard for each of the Varieties we represent, and this surely would not only be of inestimable service to the Fancy at large, but would lead to the improvement of many of our breeds of Variety Bantams, whilst we have good reason to think that once such a book were compiled the sale would be very large, and the results would well repay any trouble taken.

We are progressive in the true sense of the word, and we trust that ere the close of the current year, our efforts will have resulted in producing better specimens of the special variety we favour than have ever been seen before,



ROSECOMB BANTAM COCKS.

Bred by, and the property of, Mr. D. W. Purdon, Driffield, Yorks.

White cock, winner 2nd Crystal Palace, 1st Walthamstow, 1st Kilmarnock, 1st Burradon, 1st and Gold Medal Driffield, 1st and Special for Best Bantam Thirsk.

Black cock, winner every time exhibited.

(Reprinted from "The Feathered World.")

Facts and Fads of Chicken Feeding.

By D. W. Purdon.

I DO not know of any other subject connected with Poultry, and especially Bantams, where the writer is likely to be more criticised than the feeding of chickens. Every breeder you meet has his own particular feed and system, and many are very careful lest any word they let drop reveals any of their knowledge. In every Poultry Journal you read of someone who is putting forward some new theory on feeding that is going to revolutionize all others. The latest wave that is sweeping over poultrydom is dry feeding, and in the attempt to study out all the "whys" and "wherefores" the average man gets so completely mixed up with Albuminoids, Carbo-Hydrates, Proteids, Fibre, etc., that he must leave his poultry for a time and spend his spare hours in a chemical laboratory, where he will probably come to the conclusion that the old-fashioned method is the best. I believe I am correct in assuming the dry feed system is an American importation, the greatest country in the world for hatching and labour-saving inventions, and to my mind dry feeding is simply labour-saving. It is no trouble compared with mixing the ordinary chicken foods, and this is no doubt why it is likely to become popular. The cry of the dry food faddist is "*We are following nature.*" They may be, but I am not convinced, and if anyone wishes to breed and exhibit any variety of poultry successfully nature is not even a secondary consideration—there is nothing natural about them from the shell to the show pen.

In using dry feed, which must form some part of the diet in the rearing of chickens, I much prefer to give the different kinds of grain and seeds separate, as the greater part of mixed foods I have seen are half of them rubbish and not fit food for young chickens; if you want to mix, buy the best and mix your own, you will save a great deal in the end.

My remarks on feeding are strictly confined to variety bantam chickens, and whether dry food is beneficial or not for other breeds it will not do here, and in giving my experience I only hope some of the younger breeders may be helped; the older hands probably know more than I do, and could no doubt tell us a few wrinkles if they would only do so.

The point to aim at in variety bantam chickens is to feed well, and to do this you must study the different foods as to which is the most suitable, choosing those that contain the least bone-forming material, but then we must not feed on these alone, and so we must counteract one food against the other—while wanting fineness of bone we must not forget other points.

When the chickens are newly hatched, if under a small hen, remove the shells from the nest, and let the new arrivals have the hen's care for at least 24 hours, and don't be in too great a hurry, if they are left for 36 hours they will take no harm. Let the first meal consist of egg custard made by beating together the yolk of an egg and half a small cupful of new milk, simmer on the fire until set, and break up with a fork. You can add a little grated plain biscuit if you choose, or you can give the usual hard-boiled yolk of egg and stale bread-crumbs, I prefer biscuit. Let them have this food for the first three days every two hours, but be careful not to give more than they will eat up clean; on the fourth day you may start with rice, which may be cooked with milk—good quality broken rice is the best. Put the rice in an earthenware jar, cover with just sufficient milk that when cooked in a slow oven for about three-quarters of an hour it remains in single pellets, this

may be mixed with any of the advertised chicken foods. The "Beataill" feed sold by Mr. G. Reyner, Thurlstone, and a similar food sold by Mr. Stainthorpe, Darlington, I find answers the purpose better than oatmeal or fine sharps. Do not give the food too dry, but beware of any sloppiness or disaster will follow in the shape of diarrhœa. For the chickens to thrive nothing beats variety, and you can vary the diet with milk sops squeezed as dry as possible, a little Liverine with the rice and meal mixed; one feed during the day may consist of biscuit meal with a little of the chicken meal added to make it crumbly. After ten or twelve days you can give a little canary seed, broken wheat, or if you possess a small mill or kibbler, put a little wheat, dari, and rice in together, and then mix with a little canary and millet seed; this dry food answers my purpose.

Give them any tit-bits you may have from the table, especially fish—I know breeders who often buy fish for their chickens—but don't glut them with things of this sort. Stick to a systematic way of feeding, and I consider the rice and chicken food can be used until the birds are in their adult plumage.

When the birds begin to get into their first feather, give good whole grain, wheat, dari, and still keep to the canary seed, etc. Always let them have flint chicken grit, not manufactured grit, and as regards water, some prefer to rear them without. I have tried both ways, but my experience is, the first week a drink of lukewarm milk night and morning; after that, fresh water may be left in the coop, but during the hot weather rig something over the water vessel to keep the sun off, change the water frequently (at least three times daily). Some people would not use maize in any form, but if you can get good, sweet Indian meal—the whiter the better—you will find it a capital thing to mix one or two handfuls with the rice and meal, especially when the birds are getting their adult plumage.

If the birds are not on grass, and it is not necessary by any means, you must provide green food for them by chopping up young shoots of grass, lettuce, etc.; as they get older they will amuse themselves by picking at a head of lettuce, cabbage, turnip, or any green stuff. As they are nearing maturity a little hemp seed will be beneficial, but only as a treat, being too heating and fattenning for a staple food.

The great drawback to successful rearing in many cases are parasites; keep a sharp look-out for them, especially at night. You can nearly always find them on the heads of the chickens, in many cases as soon as they are hatched. The best remedy I know of is carbolic oil, not too strong; rub a little on the head near the comb, you will soon find them.

In conclusion I need only say that everything must be clean, coops, drinking vessels, etc., and the ground kept sweet; in feeding what suits one may not suit another; and you must at all times adapt your mode of feeding to circumstances—in-bred birds will probably require more milk sops than those more vigorously bred, and so on. No hard and fast lines can be laid down, but these remarks may form some guide in working for the breeders of our diminutive pets.

Shows supported by the Variety Bantam Club in 1903.

TWO Shows were selected during the past year at which Classes were guaranteed by our Club. Herewith will be found the Classification given, together with entries obtained. The results are certainly more gratifying than in previous years, and it should be also borne in mind that the season of 1903 must be written down as one of the worst breeding seasons ever known. To the Secretaries of these Shows our heartiest thanks are due, prize money has been promptly paid, clean prize cards issued, and not a single complaint has reached me from any of our Members.

E. J. W. BUCKPITT, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

KENDAL 21st, 22nd October, 1903. *Judge: Mr. Edwin Wright.*

Indian Game Cock or Hen	...	5 Entries	Buff Pekin Hen	...	...	5 Entries
Malay Cock or Hen	...	7 "	Any Other Variety Pekin Cock	...	9 "	
Black Rosecomb Cock	...	7 "	Any Other Variety Pekin Hen	...	14 "	
Black Rosecomb Hen	...	Cancelled	Brahma Cock	...	7 "	
Black Rosecomb Cockerel	...	9 "	Brahma Hen	...	8 "	
Black Rosecomb Pullet	...	7 "	Booted Cock or Hen	...	6 "	
White Rosecomb Cock	...	8 "	Japanese Cock or Hen	...	Cancelled	
White Rosecomb Hen	...	4 "	Polish Cock or Hen	...	12 "	
Silver Sebright Cock	...	8 "	Scotch Grey Cock or Hen	...	17 "	
Silver Sebright Hen	..	11 "	Frizzle Cock or Hen	...	9 "	
Gold Sebright Cock	...	5 "	Any Other Variety Cock or Hen	...	8 "	
Gold Sebright Hen	...	6 "	Selling (30s.) Cock	...	6 "	
Buff Pekin Cock	...	8 "	Selling (20s.) Hen	...	7 "	

BARNSTAPLE 3rd, 4th November, 1903. *Judge: Mr. George Reyner.*

Black Rosecomb Cock	...	10 Entries	Pekin Hen	...	6 Entries
Black Rosecomb Hen	...	7 "	Frizzle Cock or Hen	...	12 "
White Rosecomb Cock or Hen	...	8 "	Any Other Variety Clean Legged		
Sebright Cock	...	10 "	Cock or Hen	...	10 "
Sebright Hen	...	12 "	Any Other Variety Feather Legged		
Japanese Cock or Hen	...	14 "	Cock or Hen	...	7 "
Polish Cock or Hen	...	11 "	Selling (20s.) Cock	...	9 "
Pekin Cock	...	6 "	Selling (20s.) Hen	...	6 "

The Variety Bantam Club Show,

Held in connection with the Second Grand International Poultry Show at Sheffield, on 5th, 6th, 7th January, 1904.

WHEN your Committee first made the arrangements for the above Show they ventured to express the hope that a "World's Record" Exhibit of Variety Bantams might result, and they are gratified to report that this is now an accomplished fact, 597 Entries being obtained. So much has been written at length on this Show that your Committee feel but slight reference is needed. Our Judges, Messrs. Crowther, Edwin Wright and George Reyner, acquitted themselves nobly in their exceptionally arduous task, and were ably assisted by their Stewards, Miss Elsie Binns, Messrs. Rowland Butterworth, Clem Watson. Where all worked so well it is invidious to particularise, but your Committee feel they must place on record the excellent service rendered by Messrs. D. W. Purdon and J. D. Johnston in recording the Awards and in writing out the Prize Cards. To the Committee of the International Poultry Show and their Hon. Secretary (Mr. R. T. Thornton) our thanks are due, and the exceptionally prompt payment of Prize Money in such a gigantic undertaking as this was is quite sufficient to show the Poultry world, that this is a Show run by Fanciers for Fanciers. Your Committee wish further to thank the donors of the 44 Birds exhibited in the Gift Class. Your Committee secured a few Catalogues with Awards therein, and these can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary, post free on receipt of 6d. in stamps. The Entries were as follows:—

Black Rosecomb Cock, bred prior to 1903	8 Entries	Any other colour Pekin Hen, bred prior to 1903	13 Entries
Black Rosecomb Hen, bred prior to 1903	7 "	Any other colour Pekin Cock, bred 1903	5 "
Black Rosecomb Cock, bred 1903	25 "	Any other colour Pekin Hen, bred 1903	9 "
Black Rosecomb Hen, bred 1903	27 "	Scotch Grey Cock, any age	17 "
Black Rosecomb Cock, any age, £3 limit	16 "	Scotch Grey Hen, any age	21 "
Black Rosecomb Hen, any age, £3 limit	15 "	White or White Black Pointed Japanese Cock, any age	6 "
White Rosecomb Cock, bred prior to 1903	5 "	White or White Black Pointed Japanese Hen, any age	8 "
White Rosecomb Hen, bred prior to 1903	9 "	Any other colour Japanese Cock, any age	8 "
White Rosecomb Cock, bred 1903	8 "	Any other colour Japanese Hen, any age	9 "
White Rosecomb Hen, bred 1903	8 "	Frizzle Cock, any age	7 "
White Rosecomb Cock or Hen, £3 limit	9 "	Frizzle Hen, any age	11 "
Gold Sebright Cock, bred prior to 1903	5 "	Polish Cock, any age	7 "
Gold Sebright Hen, bred prior to 1903	11 "	Polish Hen, any age	13 "
Gold Sebright Cock, bred 1903	4 "	Light Brahma Cock, any age	7 "
Gold Sebright Hen, bred 1903	9 "	Light Brahma Hen, any age	9 "
Silver Sebright Cock, bred prior to 1903	5 "	Dark Brahma Cock, any age	6 "
Silver Sebright Hen, bred prior to 1903	13 "	Dark Brahma Hen, any age	6 "
Silver Sebright Cock, bred 1903	10 "	Booted Cock, any age	4 "
Silver Sebright Hen, bred 1903	15 "	Booted Hen, any age	7 "
Buff Pekin Cock, bred prior to 1903	11 "	Any other variety Cock, any age	6 "
Buff Pekin Hen, bred prior to 1903	11 "	Any other variety Hen, any age	13 "
Buff Pekin Cock, bred 1903	9 "	Any variety Cock or Hen, Gift Glass, no Entry Fee. Proceeds to be equally divided between International Committee and V.B.C.	44 "
Buff Pekin Hen, bred 1903	8 "	Any variety clean legged Cock, any age, 20s. limit	13 "
White Pekin Cock, bred prior to 1903	5 "	Any variety clean legged Hen, any age, 20s. limit	11 "
White Pekin Hen, bred prior to 1903	9 "	Any variety feather legged Cock, any age, 20s. limit	10 "
White Pekin Cock, bred 1903	8 "	Any variety feather legged Hen, any age, 20s. limit	5 "
White Pekin Hen, bred 1903	9 "	Any variety clean legged Cock or Hen, any age, 10s. limit	11 "
Cuckoo or Partridge Pekin Cock, any age	7 "	Any variety feather legged Cock or Hen, any age, 10s. limit	9 "
Cuckoo or Partridge Pekin Hen, any age	7 "		
Any other Colour Pekin Cock, bred prior to 1903	9 "		

LIST OF MEMBERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES,

Together with the Varieties of Bantams kept.

Her Majesty the Queen,

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Black Rosecombs, Scotch Greys, White, Black, Buff Pekins, White Booted, Mottled Japanese, Black Pointed Japanese, Gold and Silver Sebrights.

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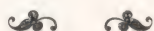
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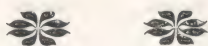
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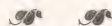
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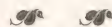
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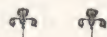
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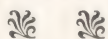
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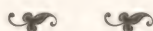
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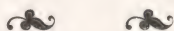
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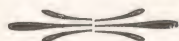
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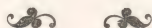
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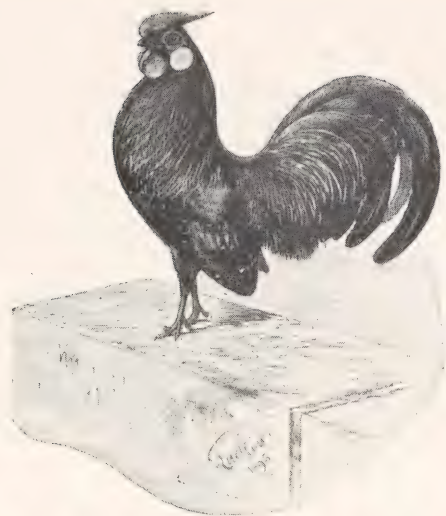
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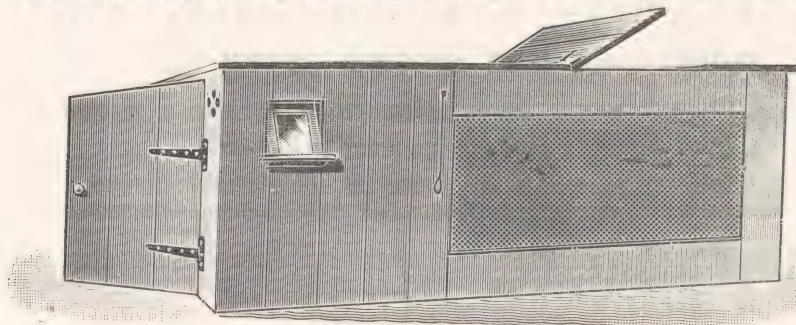
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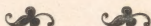
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